

NORTH DAKOTA



Emergency Medical
Services for Children



EMSC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 4, 2014 - 12:00 PM (CST)
North Dakota State Capitol
BTWAN/TELECONFERENCE
Minutes

Present - Elizabeth Pihlaja, Carol Thurn, Rachael Bucholz, LeAnn Domonoske-Kellar, Tamera Harvey, Deb Hanson, Doneen Feist, Ruth Hursman, Lindsey Narloch, Jan Franklund

Welcome – Elizabeth welcomed all to the meeting

Review of September 4, 2014 Meeting Minutes –

- Minutes were approved with no changes

EMSC Program Update – Elizabeth

2013-2014 carryover funding

This year EMSC in North Dakota was awarded \$45,803 in carryover funding.

- \$2,000 was allocated for Elizabeth to travel to the NASEMSO Annual Meeting in October.
- \$11,650 allocated for supplies for ambulance services. Almost the full amount will go to purchasing lower extremity traction devices.
- \$12,000 was allocated for supplies for emergency departments – This will include purchasing pediatric-size McGill forceps and airway supplies and devices.
- \$2,000 was allocated for educational supplies used for our First Aid and injury prevention education events we do throughout the year.
- \$3,000 was allocated for pediatric safe transport cards. Elizabeth received a resource from the Maryland EMSC program which is a set of 5-7 laminated cards on ring detailing different pediatric transport devices and how to use them and when it is appropriate to use them. Elizabeth will be adding in North Dakota specific information for the cards. A set(s) of cards will be sent to each ambulance service in the state.

- \$3,000 was allocated to redesign the resuscitation charts that EMSC has provided to each hospital Emergency Department in the state.
- \$3,000 was allocated to pay our medical director and other pertinent individuals to assist in revising the EMS protocols making sure pediatrics are considered in the protocols.
- \$3,000 was allocated for a project called the Voluntary Ambulance Designation Program. This is a voluntary program for ambulance services to participate in if they wish. The service can submit an application for review, and they would receive a window cling for the back of the ambulance which would read the ambulance is pediatric ready.

Pediatric Readiness Assistance Packets -

- After they are reviewed, Elizabeth will be distributing them to emergency departments addressing more specific items of the pediatric readiness data that we have for each hospital. This will include resources such as templates for inter-facility transfer guidelines and checklists for easy equipment inventory for pediatric readiness.

Pediatric Transport trainings –

- \$1,500 was allotted for Elizabeth to travel to the four regional EMS Conferences to conduct training on installing a child safety seat to a stretcher. There will be two in January, one in February and one in the fall.
- \$2,700 allocated to sponsor a speaker at the 2015 North Dakota Trauma Conference.

Pediatric Safe Transport Trainings -

- Elizabeth presented at the University of Mary EMS Conference on Safe Pediatric Transport in Ambulances recently. This is a 30 minute training which includes a demonstration of how to attach a child safety seat to a stretcher and covers different scenarios. This was well received and several people came up afterward to practice installing the seat to the stretcher.

Advisory Committee Restructuring and New Member Recruitment Discussion –

Would like to restructure the committee into four subcommittees –

- Prehospital/EMS Subcommittee
- Hospital
- Education and Outreach (Deb Hanson-Sanford would like this subcommittee)
- Emergency Preparedness

What the subcommittees could look like –

- Three people per subcommittee
- One chairman per subcommittee
- The subcommittees would meet quarterly by phone
- One representative from each subcommittee can come to the larger quarterly meeting to give an update
- For the first meeting, Elizabeth will be there to facilitate and see what the core interest is

- Each subcommittee would meet before the March Advisory Board Meeting
- Elizabeth will send out an outline of the subcommittees

Meetings and Conferences Update –

- American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Emergency Medicine Teleconference, December 2, 2014
- Injury Prevention Coalition Meeting, December 3, 2014 (Bismarck/BTWAN)
- NW Regional Trauma Meeting, January 8, 2015 (Bismarck/BTWAN)
- SW Regional Trauma Meeting, January 14, 2015 (Bismarck/BTWAN)
- NE/SE Regional Trauma Meeting, January 20, 2015 (Bismarck/BTWAN)
- State Trauma Committee Meeting, January 21, 2015 (Bismarck/BTWAN)

New Member Recruitment -

Looking to recruit members from -

- Reservation areas
- Oil Field areas
- Farming communities
- Families and youth
- Families w/special healthcare needs

Two suggestions –

- Dr. Sather
- Carma Hanson – may have some contacts

If you have suggestions, please contact Elizabeth

Committee Member Updates –

Rachael –

- Still in the process of reforming the Heart Safe Bismarck Committee – (AEDs in the community, schools and daycares). Plans to reach out to the Legislature for financial backing/sponsorship to have teachers certified in CPR.
- The Safety Council Annual Conference will be in February 2015.

Ruth –

- Working on the Trauma Treatment Manual
- Would like to include the resuscitation chart in the manual
- Touching on pediatric issues related to Ebola

Lindsey -

- On a steering committee for a new national project that is going to be creating EMS performance measures for the next standard of data collection. Will possibly have performance measure things to be thinking about relating to pediatrics.

Carol –

- Scheduled an Occupant Protection Assessment which will be held May 18-22, 2015. Experts on occupant protection from across the nation will come to ND to

review our program and give recommendation on how we can improve seatbelt usage for adults and children in the future.

- Child Passenger Safety Conference this summer – tentative dates only at this time.
- Had a Ford Driving Skills for Life (DSFL) event in Bismarck on September 6, 2014. Reached around 50 teens and about 25 parents. The next DSFL will be held in Dickinson in June and Grand Forks in July.
- Child Passenger Safety Conference will be held this summer.
- There is an alcohol campaign called Empty Spaces coming up on December 15, 2014. This is about an alcohol crash that killed two cousins on a motorcycle. This is a very impactful story.
- Going to be doing a train the trainer – bringing in a program called Impact Teen Drivers. This will be held at the Seven Seas in Mandan on March 26, 2015 from 1:00-5:00.

Deb –

- Received official verification of the Fargo Sanford Pediatric Trauma Center on September 2, 2014.
- Deb is meeting the new pediatric sub-specialists and working with the new Pediatric Trauma Medical Director – they are making good changes.
- Will be focusing on outreach in January 2015.

Doneen –

- Just completed updating the New Beginnings Guide which is a resource guide for services for children with special healthcare needs.
- Vicki, Family Voices staff in Bismarck, just completed what we are calling Family Care Giver Café. This comes from an event where a mother from the Bismarck area recently passed away and left two children that had autism. Dad was involved but didn't necessarily know everything that Mom knew. Because of this event, Family Voices decided to start a Family Care Giver Café where we train families on everything they are going to need to know from developing trust, to emergency care plans to medical records. This training will be held in Bismarck January and piloted in Fort Yates.

Tamara –

- Suggested Dr. Sather's involvement on the committee, as well as, Dr. Carver, Trinity's NICU-like medical director.
- Tamara is involved in SIM ND as a teacher on the truck. They went to the Southwest Conference and did a pediatric burn scenario. This went over well with EMS.
- Will be attending the Northwest Conference in Minot as well.

LeAnn –

- Has accomplished getting the Wilton City Ordinance changed where children have to absolutely wear a seatbelt and can no longer ride in the back of a pick-up.

Additional News/Resources -

- Quick and easy holiday safety tips! <http://www.safekids.org/holiday-safety-tips>

- “Pediatric Readiness Data: An Opportunity to Improve Quality of Care in Your Emergency Department,” from 3:00-4:30 CST on Wednesday, December 17:
<http://emscnrc.org/Events/Webinars.aspx>

Future Meeting Dates –

- March 5, 2015 from 1:00-3:00
- June 4, 2015 from 1:00-3:00
- September 3, 2015 (Face-to-Face/BTWAN with HRSA visiting) from 1:00-3:00
- December 3, 2015 from 1:00-3:00

Meeting Adjourned